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concurrently with this Amendment in order to provide the Examiner with sufficient time to review the present amendment.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

L Please amend claim 19 as follows:

C<sub>1</sub>  
--19. (3x amended) A method to inhibit progression of a  
macrovascular disease in a subject, ~~predisposed~~  
~~thereto~~ which comprises administering to the  
subject a polypeptide comprising the V-  
domain of sRAGE or a derivative thereof  
capable of inhibiting the interaction  
between AGE and RAGE in an amount effective  
to inhibit progression of macrovascular  
disease in the subject.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-27 and 29-35 are pending in the subject application. Claim 19 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Applicants maintain that this amendment raises no issue of new matter. Thus, claims 1-10, 12-27 and 29-35 are pending.

L The Examiner stated that the request filed on March 23, 2000 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/905,709 was acceptable and a CPA has been established. The Examiner stated that claims 1-10, 12-27 and 29-35 are under consideration.